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SUBJ: INFORMATION ON ASSISTANCE TO SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN
REFUGEES BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS

REF: WILSON/BRENNAN TELECON AUG 18, 1976

1. FOLLOWING INFO, ABOVE SUBJ, OBTAINED THUS
FAR IN RESPONSE MISSION'S REQUEST TO CONCERNED POSTS,
UNHCR AND ICEM.

2. PRINCIPAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES PROVIDING AID TO REFUGEES
FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND USSR ARE FOLLOWING:

(A) GERMANY (FRG) - IN FY/CY 1975, FRG EXPENDED 175
MILLION DM FOR UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEE CENTERS
DIRECTED TOWARD SUBJECT GROUPS (BONN'S 3270 REFERS).
THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, NOR SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (LANDER)
NOR SPECIAL SUBSIDIES SUCH AS THAT TO HUNGARIAN ORCHESTRA
WHICH FLED IN 1956. LOCAL GOVT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE
CONSIDERABLE, EMBRACING SUCH ITEMS AS SOCIAL SECURITY,
HOUSING, AND OTHER HEW-TYPE ALLOWANCES.

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(B) AUSTRIA- REFUGEE BUDGET FOR 1976 IS US \$ 4,113,500, OF WHICH 60 PERCENT IS ESTIMATED DIRECTED TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE AND USSR REFUGEES, OR \$2.5 MILLION. (MISSION CONSIDERS THIS PERCENTAGE FIGURE SOMEWHAT ON LOW SIDE.) UNHCR, REPORTING ESSENTIALLY SAME DOLLAR FIGURE FOR RECEPTION CAMPS, MEDICAL EXPENSES, CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEES, ETC., MAKES POINT THAT COSTS OF STAFFS FOR THESE FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE NOT INCLUDED. UNHCR ALSO POINTS OUT THAT '76 AUSTRIAN REFUGEE BUDGET IS UP SHARPLY FROM \$2.7 MILLION FIGURE FOR 1975. IT IS PROBABLY WORTH NOTING THAT IN ADDITION TO THOSE FOREGOING BUDGETED COSTS, GOA ALSO PERMITS CONTINUED MAINTENANCE ON AUSTRIAN TERRITORY OF TRAIKIRCHEN AND ZIMMERING CAMPS, AND THAT, DESPITE POLITICAL CONTROVERSY, HAS HISTORICALLY OFFERED FIRST ASYLUM FOR POPULATIONS FLEEING FROM UPHEAVALS SUCH AS THOSE IN HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

(C) ITALY - UNHCR REPORTS THAT 1975 FIGURE FOR MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEE CAMPS AT CAPUA, LATINA AND PADRICIANO, WHICH DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO REFUGEES FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND USSR, AMOUNTED TO \$2,350,000. THE COST OF CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IS ADDITIONAL. FURTHER REPORT AWAITED FROM EMB ROME.

(D) GREECE - MAINTAINS LAVRION REFUGEE CAMP AND PROVIDES SPACE FOR ICEM PROCESSING COMPLEX NEAR ATHENS. SERVES AS FORWARDING POINT FOR MANY REFUGEES FROM CURTAIN AREAS MOVING FROM OTHER LOCATIONS. AWAITING DETAILED REPORTS FROM EMB AND UNHCR REP ATHENS PROMISED AUG 23.

3. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, FOLLOWING COUNTRIES LEND SUPPORT TO REFUGEES FLEEING CURTAIN COUNTRIES:

(A) TURKEY RECEIVES SMALL THOUGH CONTINUING FLOW OF REFUGEES FROM USSR, RUMANIA, HUNGARY, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND. MAINTAINS REFUGEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FACILITIES AT ACIBADEM (PHON).

(B) YUGOSLAVIA PERMITS AND ASSISTS IN MANY INSTANCES PASSAGE OF REFUGEES FROM HUNGARY, RUMANIA, BULGARIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO ITALY.

(C) OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEPTED REFUGEES FROM USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE IN 1975 AS

FOLLOWS: (UNHCR FIGURES) FRANCE 574; BELGIUM 151;
DENMARK 120.

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